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SUBJ: PANAMA CAP MONITORING REPORT

REFS: STATE 235324; PANAMA 6703 AND 6716

1. THE FOLLOWING MONITORING REPORT CORRESPONDS WITH CAP OBJECTIVES/ACTIONS (PANAMA 6716):

2. OBJECTIVE ONE: ALL ACTIONS COMPLETED.

3. OBJECTIVE TWO:

A. ACTIONS 1 AND 2: PRELIMINARY STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (AME) IMPORT DATA REVEALED STATISTICAL MIXING OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WITH KEY AME SUBGROUPS. ATTEMPTING REFINE DATA.

B. ACTIONS THREE AND FOUR: DISCUSSIONS WITH AME DEALERS AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT (MIDA) OFFICIALS REVEALED THAT MOST AME BEING IMPORTED BY MIDA UNDER BID PROCESS WHICH OFFERS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR TOP REPORTING. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO OBTAIN ADVANCE NOTICE ABOUT MIDA PROCUREMENT OF AME AND REPORT SAME (FIRST TO REPORTED PANAMA 0917).

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C. ABOVE ACTIONS ARE NOW BEING COMBINED AS PART OF
NEW ACTION (STATE 024732) AS AME DESK STUDY.

D. ACTIONS FIVE AND SIX: COMATT WORKED WITH USIS,
AID, AND AGATT (SAN JOSE) TO ASSEMBLE LITERATURE, FILMS AND
OTHER MATERIALS FOR EXHIBIT AT AGRICULTURAL FAIR, DAVID
(PANAMA), MARCH 15-19.

4. OBJECTIVE THREE: ACTIONS ONE THROUGH FOUR--WE ARE PREPARING
INVENTORY OF PROJECTS AND WILL SEND STO AND MTO REPORTS ON
PRIORRITY BASIS.

5. OBJECTIVE FOUR:

A. ACTION ONE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISING CERP
REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING FORWARDED SEPTEL.

B. ACTION TWO: MAIL SECTION HAS RELIEVED COMMERCIAL
STAFF OF PACKAGING, MAILING CERP PUBLICATIONS.

C. ACTION THREE: TREASURE ATTACHE HAS AGREED TO
FUNDING BOTH RESEARCH AND TYPING WORK FOR REGISTRY CHECKS ON
"PANAMA COMPANIES" FROM SPECIAL ALLOTMENT.

D. ACTION FOUR: EMBASSY HAS DETERMINED THAT IF
FEBRUARY PRICE INCREASE FOR WTDRS CAUSES NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO
DROP SIGNIFICANTLY, NO TIME SAVING WOULD RESULT FROM
CONTRACTING THEM OUT. ARRANGING FOR, SUPERVISING AND CORRECTING
CONTRACTOR'S WORK COULD, AT LOWER VOLUME, REQUIRE AS MUCH OF
OUR TIME AS PREPARING THEM OURSELVES. ALSO, WE HAVE DOUBTS
WHETHER CONTRACTOR WOULD BE ABLE GAIN CONFIDENCE OF COMPANIES
IN ORDER TO SECURE ADEQUATE DATA TO DO ACCEPTABLE REPORTS.
IMPACT OF HIGHER PRICE SHOULD BE APPARENT BY MID-MAY, AT WHICH
TIME EMBASSY WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION ON CONTACTING.
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